



### **Dates to Remember**

**9 Dec**  
**Year 6 Graduation**

**10 Dec**  
**Year 6 Farewell**

**11 Dec**  
**Sport in Schools**

### **Notes You Should Have**

Year 6 Farewell

Year 5 & 6 Camp 2021

2021 Swimming Carnival



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### **Principal's Message**

As this will be the last newsletter for 2020, I would like to say a huge thank you to our community. It has been a difficult year to say the least. In the last year we have supported each other through bush fires, floods and a pandemic. Here is hoping to a quieter 2021!

I would like to take this opportunity to say a huge thank you to the staff of NPS. The way our staff have dealt with the complexities of COVID-19 including remote learning has been truly inspiring. Teachers, support staff and administration staff all willingly go above and beyond each and every day to ensure the success and wellbeing of our students ensuring that you are all known, valued and cared for and for that I thank them. It has been a very big year, unlike any other and they have definitely earned a well-earned holiday break.

Thank you to all parents and carers. It has been a tough year and you have supported us from afar. We cannot thank you enough for your patience and understanding. Thank you also to the parents and carers who volunteered throughout the year in various capacities including canteen and uniform shop.

I would also like to thank the P&C as they have worked tirelessly to support the goals of the school. This year the P&C were successful in obtaining two Grants. One is for the running track that will happen in the Christmas Holidays and the other is for our rubber soft-fall under the fixed equipment. In total these Grants add up to close to \$100,000. An outline of all of their achievements features in this newsletter.

Finally, I would like to thank the students of Narara Public School for their positive and happy approach to life and learning. The way they handled the complexities of COVID-19 is also inspiring. Seeing them engage and adapt to remote learning was a major achievement and one they should all be very proud of. It was so rewarding and heart-warming seeing them return to face to face learning earlier in the year and it brought a sense of normality back to school life that we as educators welcomed.

I trust you will have a happy holiday and enjoy spending quality time with your family. I look forward to being amongst you all again next year and working hard to offer your child / children the very best educational experience and opportunities we can provide.

### **Last day of School 2020 / First day back for 2021**

A reminder that one of the Staff Development Days scheduled at the end of the year will not be going ahead as staff have engaged in additional teacher professional learning throughout the year so they do not need to be in attendance at school on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December. The last day for students is Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December and the last day for staff is Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December.

School resumes for Kindergarten to Year 6 in 2021 on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> January which is also the date of our School Swimming Carnival. Please note the school canteen will not be operating on this day.



**Student Banking: Thursday**

**Uniform Shop: Tuesday and Friday - 8.15am - 8.45am**

### **Step Up Day / Staffing**

On Monday 14<sup>th</sup> December students will have the opportunity to visit their 2021 class with their 2021 teacher (where possible). The process for class placements has been a patient and highly thoughtful task. We have taken into account many factors and as a result will not be accepting any more requests past this point.

At this stage we welcome a few new staff members to Narara Public School next year. We welcome back Mrs Brogan who has been working at Budgewoi Public School in 2020 as an Instructional Leader. Also, Mrs Moulder will be returning in 2021 working part time. Mrs Moulder has been working at Wyee Public and Toronto High School as a Learning and Support Teacher for the past few years. We welcome Miss Pass who has been successful in gaining a permanent position as a targeted graduate from the University of Newcastle. Miss Pass will be working full time in 2021 as a classroom teacher. As these permanent staff are returning / starting at NPS it means that some of the temporary staff who have been working at NPS will not be working in 2021 on a temporary contract at this point in time. I would like to thank Mrs Fiene, Mrs Ferrier, Mr Reynolds and Mrs Alarca for their dedication, hard work and care. I am sure we will see them in 2021 working casually at NPS.

Miss Coleman is recovering well from her operation and is looking forward to returning to NPS in 2021. Miss Coleman will continue operating in the role as Learning Support Teacher.

Congratulations to Miss Brennan who will be getting married on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> December. Miss Brennan will be joining us in 2021 as Mrs McPhan.

### **Presentation Day**

Last Wednesday we held our annual Presentation Day Assembly. Although it was a little different due to parents and special guests not being allowed to be in attendance it was still a wonderful assembly. Thank you to parents and carers for your understanding with this being a student and staff only event. Student behaviour was exceptional during this event. Thank you to Mrs Doherty and Mrs Hills for coordinating Presentation Day. Congratulations to all award winners and to students who performed on the day.

On Presentation Day we announced our 2021 School Leaders in their respective positions. They are as follows:

#### **School Captains:**

- Madison Humphries
- Xavier Freemantle

#### **School Prefects (no particular order):**

- Ashton Surwald
- Olivia Wilson
- Manoa Latu-Silk
- Chelsey Wagstaff
- Dylan Kelland
- Chelsea McKenna



Our 2021 Leaders have big shoes to fill but I know they are up for the challenge. Thank you to the 2020 Leaders who have done an amazing job this year and fulfilled their role with diligence.

## AECG Awards

On Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> December we also celebrated the Cooinda AECG awards. Thank you to Mrs McMahon for organising this event Congratulations to the following students who received an award:

- Ben P
- Poppi E
- Ruby F
- Wil D
- Jakob M

Thank you to Ilanah Forrest, President of the AECG and Deputy Principal of Lisarow High School who presented the awards to our students.



## Quality Workers

Students	Class	Work Sample
Abby S	1F	Alien Acrostic Poem
Tullis S Indigo P Charlie C Nicholas S	1N	Elf Description
Taj E Zac M Ethan W Callum W Chinmayi I Amelia Q	3/4M	Cicada Information Report



## **Student Academic Reports**

Today all students in K-6 will receive their Semester 2 report. Teachers spend many hours preparing your child's report and work hard to ensure that it is a true and accurate reflection of your child's progress in their learning over the semester. Please take the time to discuss the report with your child to reflect on their achievements and where there may need to be a greater focus for improvements to occur. I encourage all parents to read the front cover of your child's report as this gives an overview of the effort and achievement scale that is used in the report.

Student attendance, both partial and whole day, are included. The attendance cut-off date for this semester was Friday 27<sup>th</sup> November. The reason for this is reports need to be printed off and signed by teachers and myself.

If you have any questions in relation to your child's report, please do not hesitate to make an appointment to speak to your child's teacher.

Kind regards,  
Grant McFarland  
Principal

## **External Provider Information for 2021**

All External Providers offering support to students during school time will need to update service schedules and ensure mandatory requirements are adhered to, in line with the Department of Education's guidelines. We will be meeting with External Providers to update information in Weeks 2 and 3 of Term 1, 2021. Due to these meetings, no therapy will take place until Week 4 of Term 1. Please note that therapy cannot commence until a meeting between the External Provider and Narara Public School has taken place. More information regarding this will be sent home in the coming weeks.

## **Newcastle Permanent Maths Competition Results**

In Term 3 our Stage 3 students completed the Newcastle Permanent Maths Competition. The results from our students were fantastic and included 1 High Distinction, 11 Distinctions and 41 Credits. Congratulations to the following students:

High Distinction

- Shae H

Distinction

- Zach M
- Kai F
- Grace L
- Xavier F
- Manoa L-S
- Ashton S
- Koby A
- Isaac B
- Declan W
- Alexander E
- Jessica S

Credit

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|-------------|---------------|
| - Naomi B   | - Christina A |
| - Brett T   | - Elise R     |
| - Kate W    | - Olivia C    |
| - Madison H | - Ella H      |
| - Lachlan H | - Sofia W     |
| - Olivia W  | - Elijah C    |
| - Adam D    | - Jett M      |
| - Chance R  | - Keira S     |
| - Noah D    | - Payton F    |
| - Jessie R  | - Ryan M      |
|             | - Christian P |

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| - Sasha B     | - Ruby G      |
| - Lachlan M   | - Tahliya L-S |
| - Isabelle G  | - Drew N      |
| - Jayden L    | - Kyron S     |
| - Ben P       | - Caleb S     |
| - Ashleigh D  | - Caitlin F   |
| - Gemma M     | - Reuben H    |
| - Jessica B   | - Obi O       |
| - Gabriella P | - Jayarna G   |
| - Bowie A     | - Hepisipa F  |

Kind regards  
Grant McFarland  
Principal

### **Library News**

Thank you to all the students that have returned their library books.  
There are a few outstanding loans that need to be returned please.  
If a book has been misplaced, or you believe you have returned it can you please write a message on the overdue notice and return to the library.

Karen McMahon  
Teacher

### **The Snack Shack-phone 0418238775**

#### **End of Term/year wrap up-**

Wow what an unusual year we've had in the canteen. We would like to say Thank you to all the Families and NPS Staff for their support and understanding during these uncertain times.  
Thank you to Coles & Woolworths Lisarow for their continued support.

This year we have 3 long serving volunteers leaving. Kate Thompson & Rowena Trezise - We thank you for your many years of help, we will miss you both. We also have a long term supporter & relief staff leaving - Gillian Bawden the many times you have stepped in at short notice and kept the canteen running is truly appreciated.

The Canteen Committee-thank you again for all your idea's, help, encouragement and support during this crazy year. Thank you to the P&C for all you do to help us run a successful Canteen.

Volunteering in 2021 - I will be putting together a roster for 2021 term 1 over the next few weeks, please let me know ASAP if you would like to join the roster or if any existing amazing volunteers need to change days etc.

For the remainder of the year we will be making Christmas treats for afternoon tea -50c-\$1.50.  
We may also run out of some items due to end of year. There will still be lots of choices.

Lastly to the Year 6's moving on to High School - it has been a joy to watch you all grow from shy little kinders to confident students. Enjoy your next schooling chapter - Dream, Believe, Achieve!!!

Wishing everyone a safe, relaxing and enjoyable holiday season.

Nicola Ford  
Canteen Manager

# PBL Rewards Day Information

As has occurred in previous years, this term students will have the opportunity to earn “Sammy Tokens” for displaying our school expectations by being safe, being respectful and being learners.

Tuesday, 15<sup>th</sup> December will be a mufti day. All students who have received 15 or more Sammy Tokens will be rewarded for their efforts this term.

Number of Sammy Tokens received this term	Activity 1: Superstar Fete	Activity 2: Movie K-2: The Lorax (G) 3-6: The Greatest Showman (PG)
15-19	Students attend the Superstar Fete, with a card to participate in 8 activities	Students attend a movie
20-24	Students attend the Superstar Fete, with a card to participate in 12 activities	Students attend a movie and receive a snack
25+	Students attend the Superstar Fete, with a card to participate in 15 activities	Students attend a movie, receive a snack, can bring a pillow from home.

## **Superstar Fete Extra Information:**

Similar to the “Year 6 Mini Fete”, the Superstar Fete will have a variety of activities set up for students to participate in. These activities include: Treasure hunts, NERF battles, guessing competitions, bubbles, face painting, temporary tattoos, beat the goalie, technology corner, sock wrestling, crafting and handball. Students will have free choice over what activities they want to participate in, spending their allocated number of activity points as they choose.

Students who do not receive 15 Sammy Tokens, or who have not shown consistent, appropriate behavioural expectations, will participate in Positive Behaviour for Learning activities, which focus on developing personal behaviour goals for the future and discussing strategies to reach their set goals.

Kind Regards,

PBL Team



To everyone who has contributed to helping our P&C this year. Your contribution big or small has been greatly appreciated and we couldn't have done what we have this year without you!



Thank you

- \* Mr McFarland, Mr Weiss, Mr Ramm;
- \* School Office staff;
- \* All other teachers and staff who have helped throughout the year;
- \* Nicola, Megan, Sarah, Nicole and all our canteen committee and volunteers;
- \* Hashila, Nicole and our uniform shop volunteers;
- \* Kelly, Tessa, Jessica and all of our fundraising committee and event volunteers;
- \* All other volunteers;
- \* Companies, individuals and businesses who have donated to our P&C;
- \* Our loyal P&C Members; and
- \* Executive Committee (past and present).

# NARARA PUBLIC SCHOOL P&C 2020 ACHIEVEMENTS



#1

MARCH 2020

Community Building Partnership Grant 2019 approved for \$26,000 for Construction of Running Track and Upgrade of Sandpit - to be installed over Christmas break

#2

MARCH 2020

Toilet Transformation

#3

Successful fundraising events including Easter Raffle, Father's Day Stall and Christmas Raffle

#4

OCTOBER 2020

An extensive uniform review

#5

NOVEMBER 2020

Motion passed to upgrade canteen equipment to the amount of approximately \$5,000.

#6

Community libraries made and donated by the crafty men at the Men's Shed

#7

NOVEMBER 2020

Community Building Partnership Grant 2020 approved for \$64,900 for installation of soft fall in existing playground

MAKE A DIFFERENCE AND JOIN US IN 2021





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## JOINING

# NARARA PUBLIC SCHOOL PARENTS AND CITIZENS ASSOCIATION

The Narara Public School P&C Association is a not-for-profit Organisation which is established to promote the interests of the school by bringing parents, citizens, students and teaching staff into close co-operation and to assist in providing facilities and equipment for the school and in promoting the recreation and welfare of the students at the school.

Membership of the Narara Public School P&C Association is open to all parents and guardians of pupils attending the school and to all citizens. Narara Public School P&C Association is always keen to welcome new members and particularly members who access or have an interest in the services provided by the P&C Association, such as our Canteen and Uniform Shop.

Meetings are generally held on the second Tuesday of each month. Narara Public School P&C Association operates sub-committees where your contribution would be greatly appreciated. Membership is \$0.50 (fifty cents) and although it can be paid by any new member at any General Meeting or between meetings by submitting a clearly labelled envelope in with a completed membership form to the office, it is due for renewal at each Annual General Meeting.

Membership entitles you to be involved in the decision making of Narara Public School P&C Association. When you become a financial member you agree to follow the Constitution, By-Laws, Code of Conduct, Sub-Committee Rules and any other policy as adopted by the Narara Public School P&C Association, copies of these materials are available from the Narara Public School P&C Association Secretary at each meeting of the P&C Association. You are recognised as a financial member of the Narara Public School P&C Association after the meeting closes at which you submit your payment. The Treasurer shall issue you a receipt for this payment, you should retain the receipt for the current P&C Association year as proof of your membership.

If you are interested in becoming a member please complete the form below and bring it with you to the next meeting of the Narara Public School P&C Association. If you are unable to attend the next meeting but wish to become a member please submit this form and payment to the Treasurer via the school front Office.

Narara Public School P&C Association thanks you for your interest.

### CONTACT US:-

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## Membership Interest Form

FULL NAME:	
I AM A:	<input type="checkbox"/> Parent/Caregiver/Guardian <input type="checkbox"/> Interested Community Member <input type="checkbox"/> P&C or School Staff Member
CONTACT EMAIL:	
CONTACT PHONE NO:	
INTERESTS:	<p>I would be interested in an office bearer or committee member role:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO _____</p> <p>I would be interested in helping out in the canteen, uniform shop or with fundraising:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO _____</p>

The Annual Membership fee of fifty cents (\$0.50) is payable with this application and entitles you to full voting rights as a financial member of Narara Public School P & C Association at the meetings following the one in which you paid the fee. Should you choose not to pay the membership fee, you can still participate as an observer but do not have rights to vote or hold office.

I hereby apply for Membership of Narara Public School Parents and Citizen's Association and agree to be bound by the Code of Conduct, Constitution, By-Laws and any other rules or policies that may be adopted by the Narara Public School P&C Association.

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

### P & C ADMINISTRATIVE USE ONLY

Date Application Received: \_\_\_\_\_ Date Membership Commenced: \_\_\_\_\_ WWCC: \_\_\_\_\_

Entered into Member's Register: \_\_\_\_\_ \$0.50 Fee Paid: \_\_\_\_\_ Secretary: \_\_\_\_\_

# NARARA PUBLIC SCHOOL P & C ASSOCIATION

## PROPOSED MEETING DATES 2021

General Meeting	9 February 2021
Annual General Meeting	9 March 2021
General Meeting	11 May 2021
General Meeting	8 June 2021
General Meeting	10 August 2021
General Meeting	14 September 2021
General Meeting	12 October 2021
General Meeting	9 November 2021
General Meeting	14 December 2021

**7.00 pm in the School Staffroom**

**\*\* Dates and venue subject to change, please check Monday Mumbles Newsletter for any advice on change of dates/venue.**

All parents, carers, guardians, citizens, members of school staff and P&C staff are eligible to attend meetings and/or become a member of the P&C.

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*– Dr Simon Longstaff  
The Ethics Centre*

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## Primary Ethics classes

### Helping children develop skills for life

Primary Ethics' program gives children the opportunity to discuss ethical issues with their peers while developing important thinking, reasoning and discussion skills. Our innovative curriculum was developed by Dr Sue Knight, a specialist in both philosophy and education. Primary Ethics is a not-for-profit organisation approved to provide ethics education in NSW public schools.

#### Ethics in the infant years

Ethics classes in years k-2 focus on developing core skills such as listening to others, taking turns to speak and giving reasons.

Stories, poems and rhymes prompt children to discuss ethical issues such as hurting someone without meaning to, telling the truth, being kind, forgiving, ownership, fairness and empathy.

Our skills-based topics for this age group include asking and answering questions, disagreeing, changing your mind, working out what is true, giving and evaluating reasons as well as giving examples and counter examples. Logic is also introduced, with topics touching on inductive inference and deductive reasoning.

#### Ethics in the primary years

In years 3-6, ethics students develop their critical thinking and discussion-based skills.

Stories, contemporary issues and real life scenarios form the basis of discussions on ethical issues such as selfishness, how we should treat living things, promises, greed, friendship, cheating, voting, punishment, homelessness, teasing and fairness in society.

Skills-based topics for this age group include respectful disagreement, inferring or figuring things out, validity, generalising, proving claims, structuring arguments, identifying incorrect conclusions, identifying faulty reasoning, evaluating the strength of evidence and thinking about thinking. Primary aged students are encouraged to develop their community of inquiry skills by asking each other well thought out questions and challenging each other's arguments.

**Questions? Call 02 8068 7752 or email [info@primaryethics.com.au](mailto:info@primaryethics.com.au)**



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#### Enrolling your child

Ethics classes run weekly during the school year within the Special Religious Education/Special Education in Ethics (SRE/SEE) timetable.

Primary Ethics classes are free of charge.

If you'd like your child to attend ethics classes, advise the school office via a note or email. Your child can start as soon as an ethics teacher is available and a minimum of eight students have enrolled in a class.

#### Getting involved

Ethics classes are taught by specially trained volunteers who are mostly parents or carers. Becoming an ethics coordinator or ethics teacher can be a very rewarding way to be involved in your school community. Volunteer ethics teachers are always needed to ensure that there are adequate classes to meet demand. Experience is not required, comprehensive training and access to lesson materials is provided.

**Primary**  
**ETHICS**



## OSH CLUB at NARARA.

Come along and meet our staff.

We pride ourselves on providing your child/ren with fun, play based learning experiences before and after school as well as during the school holidays. Whether your child attends OSH daily or only occasionally, each visit is an exciting and engaging adventure.

We also fuel their curious minds and growing bodies, helping to shape your child's understanding of health and wellness positively.

On our menu we have (Gluten free), and Vegan options.

We have qualified staff so as a parent you can be confident that your child/ren are always safe.

For bookings.

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Dee Green  
Coordinator

### Summer Holiday Junior Chess Tournament



**Limit 50 players.  
Entries close  
Sunday 10 Jan.**

**Tuesday 12 January**

**Mingara Recreation Club, Tumbi Umbi**

**9.30am – 4.00pm**

**Puzzle competition, lots of prizes**

**Covid rules will be enthusiastically observed**

**Must pre-enter**

**\$10 cash on the day**

**Contact Gary Losh**

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**0432 453 726**

**Minimum ability: Must know how to move the  
pieces and complete games largely unassisted.**